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1. [ ] a large number of naval vessels were seen at anchor in Hela Bay. At Hela light a destroyer was under way in the direction of the anchored vessels.
2. [ ] a long column of naval vessels was observed 10 to 15 minutes east of the Hela light. The column was on a course approximately west-southwest and was made up of three large ships, probably cruisers, followed by six destroyers, and a number of submarines. The distance between vessels was about 200 meters. No ships were at anchor in Hela Bay at this time.
3. [ ] one cruiser and six destroyers were seen about four minutes northeast of Hela light. The ships were proceeding on a course approximately south-southeast in column with the cruiser [ ] as leader. [ ] All of the ships had two masts and two stacks each.
4. [ ] one cruiser [ ] with two masts and two stacks, was seen approximately three minutes northeast of Jastarnia (N 54-42, E 18-41). As the cruiser passed, it was observed that its heavy guns were pointed at a target that was being towed from the east toward Hela light. At about two minute intervals the cruiser fired three or possibly four salvos, estimated at 16 shots per salvo, at the target, which could not be observed for hits.

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